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AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO AUGUST 9, 2005 OFFICE ACTION IN UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/606,521

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Sir:

This responds to the August 9, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application, the deadline for response to which is extended to December 9, 2005 by the petition under 37 CFR 1.136 set out hereinafter, and the accompanying petition fee of \$120 for one-month extension as 88888818 18686521 12/12/2805 HBINAS set out in 37 CFR 1.17 (a) (1).

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Fee Payable For Added Claims

Fees for claims 1-20 have been previously paid in connection with the filing of the instant application and amendments thereto. By the present Amendment, Applicants have added a net of 7 total claims (i.e., addition of claims 21-28 and cancellation of claim 9). The fee for such added claims [calculated as (7 x \$50 =) \$350 under 1.16(h)] is included in the amount of \$470 (which also includes the one-month extension fee of \$120 under 37 CFR 1.17 (a) (1) - see following subsection H.) hereby authorized to be charged to the credit card specified in the Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 enclosed herewith.

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Petition hereby is made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for a one-month extension of the three-month term set in the August 9, 2005 Office Action, to extend the deadline for reply to the Office Action to December 9, 2005.

The fee of \$120 specified in 37 CFR 1.17 (a) (1), together with the added claims fee of \$350 determined in the preceding sub-section, for a total of \$470, is hereby authorized be charged to the credit card specified in the Credit Card Authorization Form PTO-2038 enclosed herewith.

Authorization also is hereby given to charge the amount of any additional fee or charge properly payable in connection with the filing and entry of this Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

CONCLUSION

The restriction and withdrawal of claim 20 is improper; such action should be rescinded and the claim should be restored to active status for examination and allowance.

Claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20-28 have been fully distinguished over the cited references, and are in form and condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance for the application is therefore requested. If any issues remain outstanding, incident to the formal allowance of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to discuss same, in order that this application may be allowed and passed to issue at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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